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Dear Mr. White:

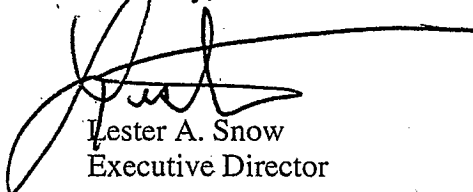
Thank you for the timely review by your staff of the Preliminary Working Draft *CALFED Bay-Delta Program Storage and Conveyance Component Inventories*, February 5, 1997, including marginal comments in the text of the draft. We share your interest in preparing accurate documentation as the Program moves forward and are incorporating suggested corrections. We anticipate that additional revisions will be made in response to input from other agencies and stakeholders.

Screening criteria need to be developed for refining the inventory of storage and conveyance components, consistent with regulatory requirements. I invite your staff to participate in an interagency, interdisciplinary team being formed for this purpose. USFWS staff knowledge and experience will be very helpful in completing this task over the next several months.

Your suggestion that East Side (Domenigoni) Reservoir should be evaluated as an alternative for South of the Delta storage is noted. The East Side Reservoir was not included in the working draft document since it is already under construction as a project of the Metropolitan Water District. It is included as one of the operating assumptions for the benchmark and preliminary system modeling evaluations. I am certainly open to your reasoning as to why this reservoir should also be included as a potential CALFED storage component.

Thank you for your thoughtful comments. If you have questions or comments, please call me at 657-2666 or Stein Buer at 653-6628.

Sincerely,



Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

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California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

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